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Agreeable to a resolution passed June 17th, of the preceding year, the Ministers and lay Delegates of the Synod of Pennsylvania met in the City of Lancaster and were received by the Revd. John Baker, of the Lutheran Church, and his vestry June 5th 1830. A large Congregation listened to the luminous and edifying remarks, made by the Rev'd. President J. Miller of Reading, in his Synodical Sermon on Sunday morning, on Matth. 13, 33.

In the afternoon Rev'd. C. Demme preached on 1 Peter, 1, 3.

In the evening Rev'd. Mr. Keller preached from 2 Cor. 6, 1.

In the German Reformed Church A. M. Rev'd. Mr. U. horn discoursed on 1 Thes 4.8. P. M. Rev'd Mr Probst from Luke, 14, 16-24 In the Presbyterian Church A. M. Rev'd Mr. Krauth on Luke. 13, 17-18 P. M. Rev'd Mr Shæffer on Luke 7, 11-17 In the second Lutheran Church forenoon Rev'd. Mr. Hemping preached on Rom. 11, 33-36 At 8 o'clock Rev'd. Mr Yager from Matth 1, 36. The previous Saturday evening Rev'd. Mr. Rathrauf had spoken on the words Matth 22, 42-46.

Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Members met in the first Lutheran Church, and the session was opened with prayer by the Rev'd. President.

Members present were:

Reverend Pastor Roeller,	from Old Goshenhoppen,
“ “ Hecht,	“ Easton,
“ Pres't. J. Miller,	“ Reading,
“ Pastor Batis,	“ Warwick,
“ “ Becker	“ Lancaster,
“ “ Hemping,	“ Lyken Valley,
“ “ Filbert,	“ Oley Township,
“ “ Probst,	“ Forks Township,

Reverend Pastor Strein,	from Columbia,
" Gliem,	" Lewisburg.
" Trumbower,	" Laycock Township,
" Keller,	" Germantown,
" C. Miller,	" Swamp,
" German,	" Maccungie,
" Demme,	" Philadelphia,
" Wiandt,	" Lancaster,
" Walz,	" Hamburg,
" Ulhorn,	" Baltimore,
" G. Jaeger,	" Lehigh County,
" Lochmann,	" Harrisburgh,
" Heilig,	" Montgomery County,
" Rothrauff,	" Maytown,
" Abele,	" Aaronsburg,
" Sheurer,	" Hummelstown,
" Reichart,	" New Holland,
" Bahl,	" Wilkesbarre,
" H. S. Miller,	" Springfield,
" P. Miller,	" Hamburg,
" Wampole,	" Vincent,
" Kemmer,	" Richland,
" J. Jaeger,	" Allentown,
" Gross,	" Hamilton,
" Roeller,	"
" German,	" Milton.

Names of absent Members.

F. Shaeffer, D.D. with excuse.	Rev. Mennig, with excuse.
H. Geisenhaimer, D.D. with excuse.	Rupert, without excuse.
Rev. Ulrich, without excuse.	Geisenhaimer, without excuse.
Vanhoff, with excuse.	Kessler, without excuse.
Ernst with excuse.	Eister, without excuse.
Mundun, with excuse.	Benninger, with excuse.
Shindall, with excuse.	Stein, with excuse.
Doering, with excuse.	Waage, with excuse.
Hartmann, with excuse.	Bilharz, without excuse.

Names of Lay Delegates.

Mr. Herpel	Old Goshenhoppen.	Mr. Kaiser	Germantown.
Bickel	Reading.	Merz	Macungie.
Romich	Warwick.	Fuchs	Hamburg.
Kessler, and	Lancaster.	Neauell	Montg'ry Square.
Mosser		Keifer	New Holland.
Grimm	Allentown.	Keller	Harrisburg.
Glack	Lyken Valley.	Johnston,	Maytown.
Schweitzer	Forks Township.	Hartmann	Vincent.
Klug	Columbia.	Stout	Williams tsp.

The following Ministerial Delegates appeared, and were cordially received.

West Pennsylvania Synod.—Rev. Stecher and Heyer.

German Reformed Synod.—Rev. Reily and Meyer, D.D.

Subsequently, the Rev'd. Schaffner of reformed Synod—and C. Schaeffer and E. Keller—the former, a member of the Maryland Synod, and the latter of the W. Penn. Synod, were introduced.

The Synod, thus organized, consisted of 53 members.—The Rev'd. President informed the brethren, that, according to the Constitution an election must be held for officers; the Rev'd. P. Filbert, and Mr. Bickel, were directed to superintend the election,—the votes having been counted, it appeared that the

Rev. J. Miller of Reading, was elected President.
Rev. J. P. Hecht of Easton, was elected Secretary—and
Rev. J. Becker of Lancaster, was elected Treasurer.

All letters addressed to the Synod were now called in by the President, and confided by him, to 5 Committees, viz:

- 1st. Committee.—Roeller, Batis, Hemping, Hergel and Bickel.
- 2d. Committee.—Probst, Stein, Trumbower, Keffer and Glack.
- 3d. Committee.—Keller, German, Lochmann, Schweitzer and Klug.
- 4th. Committee.—Ulhorn, Demme, Heileg, Kaiser and Flemmins.
- 5th. Committee.—C. Miller, H. Miller, Rothrauff, Merz and Fuchs.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Synod. was, on motion, dispensed with; a Committee however was appointed to examine them, and report thereon.

On motion *Resolved*, that a Committee be appointed to examine the Minutes of the West Penn. Synod, and those of the German Reformed Synod, and report accordingly—the Committee were, Rev'd. Abele, Reichert and Nevell. It was likewise resolved, that the Rev'd. Krauth P. Miller, and Mr. Johnston be a committee to examine the proceedings of New York Synod, and report to the chair.

On motion resolved, that a Committee be appointed to audit the Treasurer's account, and to report on the same; this Committee were Rev'd. Ulhorn, Demme, and Mr. Hartmann.

The Rev'd. Ulhorn was directed by the President to report whatever in the proceedings of the Ohio Synod, he might consider immediately relative to this. The session was closed with prayer.

Monday Afternoon.

The Session was opened with prayer.

Rev'd. Roeller, Chairman of the first Committee, reported as follows:

No. 1. A letter from Dr. Schæffer, in which he desires the Synod to excuse him for non-attendance—and recommends the widow of Rev'd. brother Ritz as an object of our benevolence; again a letter of Rev'd. Dr. Hazelins, which was read to the Synod.

On motion resolved, that the widow Ritz receive a sum equal to that usually given—and that \$15 be also sent to Rev'd. Stock.

The letter alluded to above, and at the instance of the brethren literally inserted in the German minutes was pastoral; desiring the brethren to pay particular attention to certain points, which the venerable writer conceives to be important to all Christians—directing the attention to the injunction of the Apostle 1 Tim. 4, 16, and to the doctrine of atonement, founded upon the exhortation "Be ye reconciled," &c—and admonishing the Synod, to leave nothing untried, which might conduce to the extension of the Church.

The letter of Dr. Hazelins, which seemed to involve the question, whether a correspondence between the respective Synods, was not preferable to the sending of Delegates, was publicly read—and thereupon resolved, that it would be inexpedient to

depart from the established custom, and that our Senior be directed to answer this letter.

No. 2 A call from the Congregations in Lockport, Lodeport and Buffalo resolved, if Mr. Klein, in examination manifest competency, the request of said Congregations be granted

No. 3. Another letter from the Senior, the Committee believed the letter should be read—was read.

Session closed.

Tuesday Morning.

Prayer was offered by one of the brethren.

Rev'd. Probst, Chairman of the second Committee, was called upon to report; but as this report was closely interwoven with that of the third Committee, it was considered advisable to take up that also—in consequence of which Rev'd Keller, Chairman of the third Committee reported, that No 9 (as in the preceding report) Nos 5, 6, 7, & 8, contain recommendations, of Jared Sitz,—and after due consideration it was resolved, that if Jared Sitz appear at the next Synod, furnished with similar recommendatory papers, he may cherish the hope of becoming a member of this body; in the interim however, to preach the word *only*

No. 10 The Rev'd. C. Yager was excused for not attending the meeting as he had desired his letter.

No. 12 A letter from the Senior, which gave rise to the motion of Rev'd Keller, viz: that a Missionary and Education Society be formed, and that a Committee be appointed to draft a Constitution for the same. The Rev'd Ulhorn, wisely proposed to institute the inquiry, whether such an association were necessary, or would be conducive to the prosperity of the Church. The brethren had now full opportunity to offer their opinions, and the result to which this interchange of opinion led, was that the "Pennsylvania Synod considered the course pursued by our fathers the best; therefore could countenance no measure proposed, which would burthen the people, or introduce a spirit of proselytism into the Church. It was therefore determined by a large majority that no Missionary and Education Society should be formed amongst us."

After prayer the session closed.

Tuesday, 3 P. M.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurers account, reported as follows:

The Treasurers account was examined and found correct.

NO. I.

In the Treasury 1st June, 1829	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$355 22
Received 16th June	-	-	-	-	-	-	106 13
Sum -	-	-	-	-	-	-	961 23½
Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	181 12½

In the hands of the Treasurer	\$780 11
Lent to the city of Lancaster on interest	756 25
Remained in his hands	23 80
Semi-annual interest	18 55
Cash in his hands	42 41

NO. II.

Treasurer received from his Excellency Governor Shultze	\$1343 75
Lent to the city of Lancaster on proper security	647 94
He received semi-annual interest	32 95
Remains in his hand	75 36
Total sum lent	2100 00

J. ULHORN,
C. DEMME,
GEO. HARTMAN.

On motion, this report was accepted.

Rev. Uthorn, Chairman of the Fourth Committee offered the following report:

No. 13. A letter of Dr. Geissenhainer and his son, in which both ask indulgence of the Synod for not attending—the prayer was granted. The question was put by the Committee “Can a brother be a member of two Synods?” A paragraph of our constitution, seems to have settled this question satisfactorily—yet a motion was made to set aside the paragraph alluded to—it was postponed to the next Synod.

No. 14. Rev. Shindel in a letter desired to be excused for being absent from the meeting; and recommends his son as an applicant to the Ministerium. His excuse was deemed sufficient, and it was resolved, that if Mr. J. Shindel proved qualified, the wishes of the congregations, who forwarded a call for him, should be complied with.

Relative to the conduct of Rev. Kessler, of which Rev. Shindel gave the Synod information in his letter, a Committee was selected to make the necessary inquiries, and faithfully to report to this body. Committee were Rev. Ernst, Probst, Batis and Messrs. Bickel and Hartman.

No. 16. Rev. C. Miller Chairman of the Fifth Committee made report: The papers before them contained an high approval of the conduct of Candidate J. Gross—this was gratifying to the brethren: also, the journal of Rev. W. Germann, the reading of which afforded instruction and pleasure.

The Rev. President appointed the Rev. Filbert and Uthorn, to confer with a similar committee of the West Pennsylvania Synod on the subject of the Franklin College.

After prayer the brethren retired. On this evening Rev'd. Lochman preached 2 Thess. 1—10.

Wednesday 9 o'clock.

The Session was opened with prayer.

The Committee to whom the proceedings of the West Penn. Synod, as also the proceedings of the German Reformed Synod,

were confided, made report: West Penn. Synod—our delegates appeared at the meeting and were handsomely received—it was resolved by them to send us 25 copies of their minutes and delegates to attend our Synod, selected by them, were Rev'd Stecher, and Heyer—German Reformed Synod—our delegates appeared as ordered, and delivered 20 copies of our minutes—delegates from that Synod to ours, were Dr. Meyer and Rev'd. Reilly primarie—and Rev'd. Schæffer and Deehart secundi—who were instructed to make the necessary inquiries, regarding the funds of the Franklin College—12 copies of the minutes of their proceedings were sent by the above named gentlemen.

JOHN F. ABELE,
J. W. REICHERT.

The Minutes of our last Session were examined by the Committee as directed—and nothing was found, which necessarily ought to have been noticed by us, at this time.

The Anniversary of the Augsburg Confession was recommended to the brethren, being 28th of June, to be publicly noticed.

The Committee appointed to examine into a report on the conduct of the Rev. Kessler, reported: "In consequence of the evidence given, in the case of Rev. Kessler, it becomes the painful duty of the Committee to move, that his name be stricken from the list."

W. G. ERNST,
W. BATIS,
J. A. PROBST,
GEORGE HARTMANN,
ANTHONY BICKEL.

The report of the Committee was accepted, and the motion offered, was unanimously agreed to.

With regard to brother Rupert, it was resolved, that inasmuch as he [Rupert] had of late devoted himself to another calling, the necessity to retain his name on the list of the clergy did not any longer exist.

Relative to Franklin College, it was resolved, that the Committee prepare a full and clear statement of the funds of that institution, its present condition, and the hope (if any) of the future point of literary elevation, to which it may be raised & with which they have been inspired—this to be published in a pamphlet form and distributed among the members of our church.

The question concerning missionaries was brought up and decided in the following manner—"If there are no Clergymen among us willing to visit distant congregations, and others, from different synods offer their services, the President shall be empowered, to assign to such their duties; but such persons must remain members of the same synod, with which, previous to their having received this limited commission, they have stood

in connexion—to *this* synod however, they must give an account of their ministerial labours

Resolved, That Rev. Gustavus Schultz be directed to visit the vacant Lutheran Congregations in Lycoming County, if the services of no other brother be offered within four weeks.

Resolved, That Rev. Scheurer be directed to visit the congregations in Frankfort, Lower Merion, and Cohensy, and that the labours of these brethren be continued six months.

The Session closed with prayer.

Wednesday afternoon.

PRAYER—On motion, Resolved, That the amount of expenses incurred by Rev. Scheurer and Lochman, as Delegates, be remitted.

The motion to change the seats of the Delegates, in order that they might sit near to their respective clergymen, was lost.

The Franklin College Committee made report, which will, as we hinted above, be given to the Church, presented in proper form. The Rev. Batis, Becker, Messrs. Muhlenburg and Keffer, were added to the Committee.

The Delegates to some of the Synods, were now appointed—New York: Rev. J. Probst—W. Pennsylvania: Rev. A. Lochmann—Maryland: Rev. L. R. Othrauf—German Reformed Synod: Rev. Ulhorn. Session closed—Rev. Heyer preached from John 10, 1—2.

Thursday Morning.

PRAYER—A Congregation styled “Block Church,” desired aid from the legacy bequeathed to this Synod—relative to this, it was resolved, that such desire cannot be complied with—inasmuch as the real intent and object of the testators was not fully apprehended; that therefore the Committee be instructed to examine the will closely—inform themselves of the precise object the testators had in view, and report to the next Synod accordingly.

It was now determined by vote, that Harrisburgh be the place of our next meeting, and Trinity Sunday, or 29th of May the time.

Session of the Ministerium.

Two young gentlemen applied for admission, Jeremiah Shindel, and Saml. S. Klein—the brethren appointed to examine them, were Rev. G. Jaeger, Demme and Krauth.

Thursday afternoon.

PRAYER—On motion, Resolved, That all the candidates be ordained this evening. They were :

Candidate C. P. MILLER,
WAMPOLE,
KEMMER,
YAGER,
GROSS,
ROELLER,
GERMANN.

The Committee appointed to examine Messrs. Klein & Shindel, reported favourably of these young brethren, and it was, on motion, resolved, that each be furnished with a license as Candidate.

The following motion was offered and the decision on it referred to the next Synod. From the year—all students of Theology, who desire to be received into our Ministerium, shall appear two successive sessions, and submit to an examination at each, by a standing Committee.

The Rev. President closed the Ministerial Session with prayer.

An address preceding the ordination, was delivered by Rev. Probst, from 1 Peter, 5, 2—4. The candidates were then solemnly charged by the President and ordained.

To the congregation and friends generally of Lancaster the thanks of the brethren were presented by the Secretary.

Blessed be God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the continuance of love to that part of his Church, confided to us!

JOHN P. HECHT, Secretary.

The account given by the brethren, of their labours in the preceding year, here follows :

<i>Ministers Names.</i>		<i>Con.</i>	<i>Bap.</i>	<i>Conf.</i>	<i>Com.</i>	<i>died.</i>	<i>sc'ls.</i>	<i>Contr.</i>
Rev. Pastor Jaeger,	-	4	167	89	669	51	12	\$5 00
Doctor Schaeffer,	-	1	184	39	720	92	3	
Pastor Roeller,	-	3	97	120	507	23	3	
J. P. Hecht,	-	2	15	45	3	—	—	
J. Miller,	-	5	151	52	520	34	5	
Ernst,	-	5	152	119	842	41	5	6 00
Batis,	-	4	109	62	525	29	4	8 62
Meendson,	-	—	151	62	620	30	12	
Becker,	-	1	120	49	289	55	1	10 00
Hemping,	-	6	192	59	746	22	5	4 25
Filbert,	-	3	26	—	173	12	2	
Probst,	-	4	164	—	—	21	4	
Strein,	-	4	44	8	105	11	4	3 00
Heim,	-	7	207	67	525	48	7	3 00
Trumbower,	-	5	80	27	279	25	5	
Keller,	-	3	81	43	509	61	3	10 00
C. Miller,	-	7	185	86	1518	58	7	
German, Sen.	-	4	118	52	685	14	4	12 44
Demme,	-	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Kraut,	-	1	12	20	70	—	—	
Weilandt,	-	1	47	21	144	27	—	
Walz,	-	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Ulhorn,	-	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Stein,	-	7	130	51	762	31	6	
E. Jaeger,	-	7	102	76	744	30	6	6 00
Lochman,	-	2	56	65	318	—	1	
Heilig,	-	2	60	20	349	30	2	6 00
Rothrauf,	-	4	42	21	238	42	1	
Abele,	-	4	161	35	716	31	4	12 12½
Sheurer,	-	3	—	—	—	—	—	
Reichart,	-	4	97	25	396	21	4	8 00
Bahl,	-	4	65	27	250	12	4	
H. S. Miller,	-	4	63	44	290	22	4	
C. P. Miller,	-	4	67	52	325	18	3	
Wampoll,	-	4	60	22	403	28	3	5 00
Kemmer,	-	4	75	60	362	16	3	
J. Jaeger, Jr.	-	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Gross,	-	6	122	66	375	18	8	7 18
Roeller, Jr.	-	3	75	62	459	3	3	
Germann, Jr.	-	6	154	131	604	8	4	35 88
Doering,	}	14	171	142	1015	33	6	
Wartmann,								
Shindel,	-	8	212	166	1216	16	4	5 00
Stein,	-	7	130	51	762	31	6	
Vanhof,	-	1	17	—	50	13	—	

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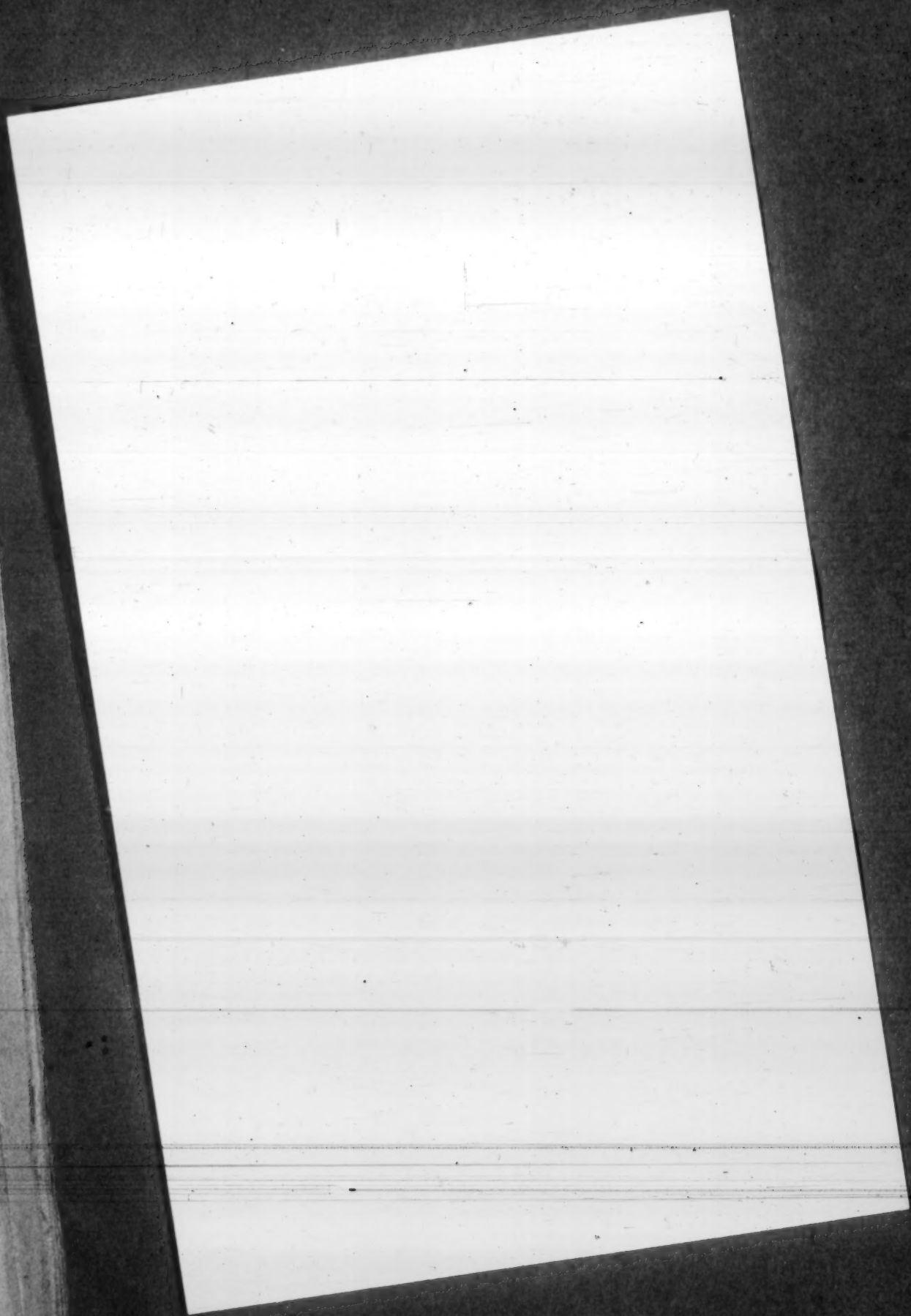
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